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COLUMN

Tell us how you feel about The Sun-Tribune, Stouffville

How do you like us
now?
The Sun-Tri-
bune is surveying
you, Whitchurch-
Stouffville.

Got five minutes?

No, I won't be phoning you
just as you stick a fork in your
first mouthful of mom's famous
rigatoni recipe or as Pat Sajak
strolls into your living room for
a little Wheel of Fortune.

Promise.

This isn't aluminium siding
or duct cleaning.

Not quite.

And it's not another anony-
mous robocall using fake and
incomplete information. (Just
in case you wondered, two-
time provincial Conservative
candidate Farid Wassef still isn't
running for mayor.)

It's done online, at your lei-
sure.

We'd like you to take time to
answer our online readership
survey by following this link:
www.yorkregion.com/whatson-story/4756982-tell-us-what-you-think-for-chance-to-win/

It will take about five min-
utes.

Complete it and you will be
eligible to win a 50-inch LED
HD TV, from Liptons Audio
Video Unlimited.

Deadline to complete the
survey is Sept. 7.

Readers already tell us what
they think, albeit in less scien-
tific ways.

Especially if we've written —
or failed to write — something
about their friends or family.

We're no longer Mayberry,
Cabot Cove or Stars Hollow, but
it's still the reality of working
and living in a smaller place.

I've had fingers of disgust
poked in my chest at the Straw-
berry Festival. My phone has
rung in the middle of the night
with anger on the other end.

People have stopped me
in church, the produce aisle
and barber shop to share their
thoughts on what we do on
these pages.

Politicians have chimed in



Off The Top

with Jim Mason

with late-night emails.

Readers have yelled out their
feelings across parking lots,
especially at establishments
where alcohol is served.

Popular subjects include our
coverage of the courts, trag-
edies and elections.

(To be fair, it isn't all threats,
accusations and public chas-
tising. Many a quality news
tip and compliment are also
passed on while ordering a
morning coffee or waiting for a
light to turn green.)

Also, we do know what you
like to read online.

Thousands clicked on our
stories Monday alone on miss-
ing Whitchurch-Stouffville resi-
dent Curtis Stillie, who thank-
fully was found that night.

The police, weather, restau-
rant violations and car crashes
are big with readers on their
smartphones and laptops.

But we also realize the digital
crowd is only part of our read-
ership and not a large enough
sample size to gauge.

Thus, the survey.

No computer? You could
always get online at the
Whitchurch-Stouffville Public
Library.

Tell us what you like and
what you don't. Five minutes.

And I promise not to phone
you during The Big Bang The-
ory.

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LETTER OF THE WEEK

Town may need fill money

Last week's town council meeting deal-
ing with the new fill bylaw for a Ninth
Line site was very interesting and concern-
ing. Stouffville had drafted a new bylaw,
as within the industry of fill sites across
Ontario many, many problems have aris-
en.

Council would like to protect its citizens
from these problems with this new bylaw.
The suggested cost for dumping fill per
truck was \$1.75.

To my surprise, Councillor Phil Bannon
put forward a motion to drop the cost to
\$1 because he felt that it was unfair to the
company dumping in our community and
it might make them go elsewhere. The 75
cents would have been used to improve
the surrounding area.

Mr. Bannon's ward has this dump in it.

I cannot understand why he would not
want to give back to our community.

The company is making millions of
dollars every year and to ask for a few
cents per truckload for the community
does not seem out of line. Scugog charg-
es \$2 per truck and Uxbridge will not
allow commercial dump sites, so I do not
understand why Mr. Bannon thinks we
could lose their business. It would cost
the trucks much more in gas costs to go
further afield.

We need to protect our community
from contaminated soil, road safety and
maintenance, water pollution and over-
filling. The community around these sites
will be left with the problems if they arise
— and no money to fix them if Mr. Bannon
has his way.

KAYT BARCLAY
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Only donate to Terry Fox Run through people you know

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 will see the Terry
Fox Run for cancer research return to town.
Our committee and volunteers have been
working hard in preparation for the big day.

There is no minimum donation, but every
year the residents of Stouffville come up big
in raising funds at the Terry Fox event. In
2013, our community was fifth out of 220
community sites across the province, raising
more than \$137,000 for cancer research

You can raise funds online at www.terryfox.org or collect via pledge sheet, available
throughout town or online. You may also
make a donation on run day.

The Stouffville Terry Fox Run welcomes
participation and donations, but only
donate funds to people you know. We do not
encourage participants to go door to door or
ask individuals to solicit funds on the street.
If you cannot attend our event but would like
to make a donation, you can do so securely
at <http://www.terryfox.org/> or by contacting
me at 905-640-4705.

The Stouffville Terry Fox Run is fun, family
and fundraising. It is our community at its
best. For more information, contact me at
905-640-4705 or schellkennedy@rogers.com.

You can find us on facebook-Stouffville
Terry Fox Run, on Twitter and our route map
at www.stouffvilleterryfoxrunmap.com

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STOUFFVILLE TERRY FOX RUN

Protect seniors from scams

The phone rings and a well spoken man
or woman is on the call.

"Hello, this is the office of Internet secu-
rity. We have noticed some very suspicious

activity from your computer and are con-
cerned that someone has put software on
your computer to steal things from your
computer."

It does not sound probable to a young
adult, but to a senior person it pushes many
of the right buttons to make them con-
cerned.

Of course it is a bad person on the
phone.

As a technical advisor, I see it several
times a year including recently. Sometimes
I get involved before too much happens;
sometimes when too late and bank accounts
are being accessed, frightening "I am watch-
ing" messages appear on the screen; or the
computer is locked and all the photos and
documents are being held for ransom.

Do you know a senior who emails from
their computer to stay in touch with their
friends and family or plays simple video
games from websites?

Make a note and stick it to the side of the
monitor:

1. If anyone calls you about the com-
puter and you do not know them, they are a
very bad person — hang up immediately, tell
someone this happened.

2. If any website you go to says you need
an update to your computer; stop, call a
friend immediately to ask about what is on
the screen.

And: Install full/pro versions of a brand
name antivirus and something like Malware-
Bytes (a free version is not good enough).

A note on the monitor and \$100 a year is a
lot of safety. And frankly, family and churches
in town, protect the seniors and if necessary
pay the \$100 a year.

David Lloyd-George once said, "The true
test of a civilization is the way it treats its old
people."

RON BOYD
STOUFFVILLE